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SUBJECT: STAG: FOR DRAMA

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1. EMBASSY PLANS DEVOTE CULTURAL PROGRAMING MONTH OF JANUARY TO AMERICAN CONTEMPORARY DRAMA. MAJOR COMPONENT OF PROGRAM WOULD BE SPEAKER TO LECTURE ON NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN CONTEMPORARY DRAMA. EMBASSY PROPOSES HAVE SPEAKER SPEND TWO WEEKS IN USSR LECTURING TO DRAMA INSTITUTES, IMPORTANT LIBRARIES, UNIVERSITIES AND MEMBERS OF IMPORTANT THEATERS IN MOSOW, LENINGRAD AND OTHER CITIES TO BE DECIDED ON AFTER NEGOTIATIONS WITH UNION OF WRITERS AND MIN CULT.

2. TO SECURE FULL SOVIET SUPPORT FOR PROGRAM STAG NOMINATION SHOULD BE MADE UNDER TERMS OF SEC 10 OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AGREEMENT. NOTE SHOULD PROPOSE STAG AS EXPERT ON CONTEMPORARY US DRAMA WHO OFFERED FOR PURPOSES OF LECTURING ON AND DISCUSSING AMERICAN CONTEMPORARY DRAMA WITH PROFESSIONAL THEATER PEOPLE AND SCHOLARS WHO FOLLOW WESTERN AND AMERICAN DEVELOPMENTS IN DRAMA IN MOSCOW, LENINGRAD AND OTHER MAJOR CULTURAL CENTERS OF USSR.

3. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS DEPT ATTEMPT SECURE SERVICES OF HOWARD STEIN ASSOCIATE DEAN OF YALE SCHOOL OF DRAMA AS STAG. STEIN HERE LAST YEAR AS VOLSPKR AND MADE EXCELLENT IMPRESSION ON BOTH EMBASSY AND SOVIET AUDIENCES. HIS PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, PERSONAL ENTHUSIASM AND INTEREST IN RUSSIAN DRAMA MAKE HIM IDEAL. AT TIME EMBASSY INFORMALLY DISCUSSED

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RETURN TRIP BY STEIN IN JANUARY TO WHICH HE AGREED IN

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